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SUBJ: 24TH UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL: OPENING OF PLENARY AND  
THE ADMINISTRATOR'S SPEECH, JUNE 13

1. UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL (GC) OPENED 24TH SESSION  
JUNE 13; AFTER ELECTION OF NEW VICE-PRESIDENT (JOSE ANDRUS  
OF ARGENTINA), ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND ADOPTION OF ORGANI-  
ZATION OF WORK (DP/246 AND DP/247), GC HEARD STATEMENT  
FROM ADMINISTRATOR BRADFORD MORSE (TEXT POUCHED TO  
IO/DHP).

2. IN TOUR D'HORIZON OF UNDP'S CURRENT AND PROJECTED  
SITUATION, MORSE STRESSED THREE THEMES HE HOPED WOULD BE  
DEBATED IN CONNECTION WITH AGENDA ITEM 4, ROLE AND  
ACTIVITIES OF UNDP (DP/261):

(1) SUBSTANCE OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION;

(2) FUNDING OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION;

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(3) COORDINATION OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION.

3. MORSE SAID THAT, AFTER A PERIOD OF UNDP'S  
RAISING AND MANAGING FUNDS, THE PROGRAM COULD NOW  
SEEK TO MAKE A MORE DYNAMIC CONTRIBUTION BY IMPROVING  
THE EFFECTIVENESS OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION. AMONG  
THE PRIORITY THEMES TO WHICH UNDP WOULD DIRECT ITS

EFFORTS WERE: RURAL DEVELOPMENT; AGRICULTURAL SUPPORT INSTITUTIONS; AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER. IN THIS REGARD, MORESE SAID UNDP WAS UNIQUELY PLACED AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN GLOBAL AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES, E.G. MEETING THE BASIC NEEDS OF THE POOR MAJORITY IN EVERY COUNTRY.

4. WITH REGARD TO FUNDING, MORSE CALLED FOR A CLEAR DEFINITION OF UNDP'S FUNDING ROLE, AND FOR CONSISTENT APPLICATION OF THIS DEFINITION BY GOVERNMENTS THROUGHOUT THE UN. HE NOTED SPECIFIC PROBLEMS (E.G. A MULTI-YEAR PROGRAM TIED TO ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS; PROBLEMS OF DISTRIBUTING RESOURCES TO MEET NEEDS OF POOR) AND POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS, INCLUDING THE NEED TO IMPROVE EQUITY IN RESOURCE GATHERING; THE QUESTION OF USE OF RESOURCES OTHER THAN VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS; AND QUESTION OF THIRD PARTY FINANCING.

5. REGARDING COORDINATION, MORSE SAID KEY WAS WHETHER UN CAN SERVE PRIORITIES OF COUNTRIES OR WHETHER IT WOULD CONTINUE TO BELIEVE IT COULD DETERMINE THOSE PRIORITIES. UNDP WAS BEST SUITED, HE SAID, TO ACHIEVE CONCEPTUAL CONSOLIDATION OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION IDEAS BECAUSE OF ITS COUNTRY PROGRAM FOCUS.

6. BECAUSE NO COUNTRY WISHED TO SPEAK (PROBABLY AWAITING DEBATE ON AGENDA ITEM 4 ON UNDP'S FUTURE ROLE AND ACTIVITIES) PLENARY SESSION ADJOURNED  
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